Reply of Government.—Land Revenue Rule 16 provides for this. If in any particular case there is a grievance representation may be made to the proper authorities on the subject.

Subject No. 158.

Water rate not to be levied when using water of breached tanks.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar. Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Water rates should not be levied in cases where water of breached tanks are used for wet cultivation of lands under tanks.

Withdrawn.

Subject No 159.

Preservation of avenue trees.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit of Mysore District Fund Board.

Summary of Representation.—The branches of avenue trees are being indiscriminately cut off. It is requested that an order may be passed, directing the village *totis, patels,* and Police constables on beat duty to see to the prevention of such acts.

Reply of Government—Noted. The issue of a strict circular is very necessary. Deputy Commissioners should give their attention.

Subject No. 160.

Lands applied for to be given for an upset price and not sold by auction.

Mr. Tippe Rudrappa, Taluk Member, Davangere.

Summary of Representation.—The present system of giving out lands for cultivation by auction sale works very hard upon a poor raiyat, who being unable to compete with a well-to-do person in the auction sale cannot hope to get it for himself. It hinders all available lands being brought under cultivation, because of the indifference of persons in affluent circumstances, who being already in possession of sufficient lands, do not care to put in darkhasts for more lands, and because of the disappointments a poor raiyat, really in need of land, would meet with by the interference of a person in better circumstances as stated above. It is therefore proposed that the lands be given out to the applicant for an upset price without any sale.

Reply of Government—There is no necessity for revising the rules in as much as there are already proper rules on the subject and appeals are open.

Subject No. 161.

Rules for lands containing date-trees.

Mr. Balawanta Rao, Hassan.

Summary of Representation.—Applications for lands are rejected on the reason that they contain date-trees. On this flimsy plea many a valuable land is left uncultivated in the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks, resulting in the loss of revenue to Government and want of land for cultivation to the raiyat. It is urged that some definite ruling in the matter may be laid down early.

Reply of Government—Noted. This matter will adjust itself when the work of reserving the date groves which is going on at present in the Excise Department is completed.

Subject No. 162.

Beds of tanks not to be retained as Amrut Mahal Kavals.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of Representation.—Beds of tanks should not be retained as *Amrut Mahal Kavals,* as such retention inconveniences the raiyats of surrounding villages, if no grass grows there and it is harassing to raiyats whose cattle go for water.

Reply of Government—Individual cases of hardship may be brought to notice by petition and they will be enquired into.